



Docket No.: 1330.1099

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Deric KNOWLES, et al.

Serial No. 09/741,823

Group Art Unit: 3624

Confirmation No. 8801

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Examiner: Jagdish N. Patel

For: VIRTUAL PROCUREMENT FOLDER

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on March 2, 2005. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, along with the requisite fee for same, is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 2, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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It is respectfully submitted that Shoquist does not disclose or suggest the features in the amended claim 1. For example, Shoquist does not disclose or suggest a virtual procurement folder as recited, for example, in claim 1. Moreover, Shoquist does not disclose or suggest that procurement items can be automatically completed and automatically recorded in an order which does not follow the sequential flow of the states.

Although the above arguments are directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the arguments would be helpful in understanding differences of the other claims over Shoquist.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

V. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

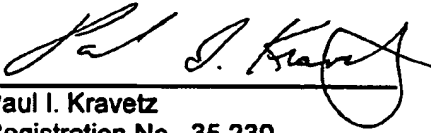
If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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